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APPRECIATE REFTTEL. FOLLOWING ARE SUGGESTED ADDITIONS OR
CHANGES TO TRANSITION PAPER ON MULTIFIBER AGREEMENT:

1. AT END OF PARA WHICH BEGINS "WHILE IN PRIVATE...." AND
ENDS "...AND HANDLOOM FABRIC PRODUCTS.", ADD FOLLOWING SEN-
TENCE: "HOWEVER, DURING THE CURRENT TEXTILES COMMITTEE MEET-
ING THERE SEEMS TO BE A DEGREE OF WILLINGNESS BY EXPORTERS
TO ACCEPT RENEWAL WITHOUT CHANGE IF THAT IS THE PRICE OF
AVOIDING CHANGES FAVORING IMPORTING COUNTRIES."

2. REPLACE PARAGRAPH IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO SECTION ON "CUR-
RENT U.S. POLICY" WITH FOLLOWING LANGUAGE: "ALTHOUGH
PROSPECTS FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE MFA AT THE DECEMBER
TEXTILES COMMITTEE MEETING ARE UNCERTAIN, THE U.S. IN-
TENDS TO PURSUE RENEWAL WITH AS MUCH DISPATCH AS POS-
SIBLE. IF THE RENEWAL ISSUE IS NOT SETTLED IN
DECEMBER, THE U.S. WILL SEEK AN ADDITIONAL MEETING EARLY
NEXT YEAR, POSSIBLY IN MID-JANUARY."

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3. AMEND PARA ON CURRENT U.S. POLICY TO READ: "IN

MARCH, 1976, PRESIDENT FORD PUBLICLY COMMITTED THE U.S. TO SEEK RENEWAL OF THE MFA. U.S. NEGOTIATORS HAVE TOLD OTHER COUNTRIES THAT RENEWAL SHOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED PROMPTLY, DURING THE NOVEMBER 30 TO DECEMBER 10 TEXTILES COMMITTEE MEETING. ALTHOUGH PRESIDENT FORD DID NOT SPECIFY A TIME PERIOD FOR EXTENSION, WE HAVE INDICATED OT OTHER COUNTRIES THAT WE BELIEVE A THREE TO FIVE YEAR EXTENSION IS THE MOST FEASIBLE COURSE."CATTO

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